

satisfy all applicable state statutory or regulatory requirements, such as those pertaining to consumer protections and claims payments.

We greatly appreciate your leadership, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and Congress to ensure our industry is not caught between conflicting obligations under federal and state law.

Sincerely,

American Land Title Association (ALTA), American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers (CIAB), Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA), National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA), Reinsurance Association of America (RAA), Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA).

#### RECOGNITION OF G. WILLIAM WARD

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 30, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor G. William Ward as he celebrates his 90th birthday on May 6, 2021. For decades, Mr. Ward has been a pillar of our Blair County community.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Ward became the President of Ward Transportation and Logistics Company in 1966. Within three years, Mr. Ward expanded the company to more than 500 employees.

Under his leadership, Ward Transportation and Logistics flourished, expanding to new locations across the Mid-Atlantic region. Mr. Ward's hard work to build his business has been invaluable to the growth and economic success of our community.

Throughout his life, Mr. Ward has devoted his time and talents to serving his family, our nation, and our community. He married his wife Carolyn (Williams) in 1953, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage before her death in 2017. Mr. Ward has five children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He has been a dedicated member of our community, serving on many statewide and local boards and civic organizations.

On behalf of the 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, it is my privilege to recognize G. William Ward for his outstanding service to our neighbors and our nation. As he celebrates this milestone, I wish my friend a very happy 90th birthday, as well as continued health and happiness.

#### RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF DOROTHY M. SWEENEY

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 30, 2021*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored and humbled to recognize the remarkable life of Mrs. Dorothy M. Sweeney, who left our earthly bounds on April 7, 2021. "Mother Sweeney," as she affectionately was called,

leaves behind an eternal and meaningful legacy not only to her family and loved ones, but to the entire York County Community.

Mother Sweeney's life began on January 16, 1934, born to Eddie and Rhoda Hawkins. She was the youngest child—and only girl—in a household of older brothers, Edward Jr., Clyde, and Herman.

Mother Sweeney married Arthur Sweeney in 1951, when they planted their roots in York. Together, they raised four wonderful children—Takani, Tomoa Tanya, Tanoue Onishi, and Arleta Maria—with a resilient sense of love and respect for their legacy.

After a tragic work-related accident claimed the life of her beloved husband, Mother Sweeney was thrust into single parenthood. As obstacles were placed along her path, she persevered—like her mother, Rhoda Hawkins.

Mother Sweeney would go on to graduate from York College with a degree in Nursing, all while managing a household of four beautiful, albeit sometimes unruly, children. She raised her children with a strong and powerful image of womanhood. She served as the head nurse at York County Homes, and as a private duty nurse while also volunteering for the local PTA—later serving as its president for over six years. She would go on to accept a position with Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12 as a teacher for special needs children.

Mother Sweeney made sure that her children knew their elders and family history, making sure to surround her daughters with family and love, as well as a connection to their roots. Her family soon began to grow, as her daughters welcomed children of their own. Her oldest, Takani, had 11 children (Damaine, Tak, Takakhan, Asaii, Ishni, Kiya, Azijah, Adonysha, Zebulon, Masata, and Amasa), Tomoa had four children (Angela, Yahselah, Nashon, and Ashir), Tanoue had one son (Emneko), and Arleta had five children (Tazaa, Taza Todd, Tyleta, T-Hara, and Tynaketa).

When Mother Sweeney retired professionally, she certainly was kept busy with 21 grandchildren—and all the birthdays, holidays, and celebrations a large family brings. When asked about the number of great-grandchildren she has, Dorothy's response was, "after 10, I stopped counting." The branches of her great family tree have continued to grow with 45 great-grandchildren—and counting.

Mother Sweeney was always an energetic and active young lady, serving her family, church, and community. As a faithful and dedicated member of Emmanuel COGIC in York—of which her mother was one of the founding members—she has served under founding pastor Elder Wise until his home going. Until now, Mother Sweeney was the only living founding member. Remaining steadfast under the leadership of Pastor Leighton McMillan, she held various leadership positions, including Sunday school teacher, chair of the Pastors Aide Committee, a member of the nurses unit, vice president of the Deaconesses, and was appointed as Mother of Grace.

Civically, Mother Sweeney was an active member of the State Democratic Committee, president of the Democratic Club of York, vice president of Lincoln Charter School Board, Past Matron of the Queen Esther Temple IBPOE, positions in Eastern Stars PJA, Daughters of Isis—and numerous other community organizations. Whenever possible, Mother Sweeney loved traveling to Florida to

be with her "Sunshine State" family—the Burton/Nealy family, Pastor & First Lady Speed, Elder & Mother Combs, Pastor & First Lady Mays, Bishop Theodore and First Lady Hall, BAM International Fellowship. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother Sweeney enjoyed being a part of Hurst Chapel AME Parking Lot Posse, enjoying Sunday morning service in the church parking lot.

Mother Sweeney was a matriarch, a pillar of truth, and a true shining light. With words of wisdom, her strong Christian values, and her loving heart, she guided and nurtured her family and her community. She took pride in knowing that her beloved family remains strong and ever-growing, just as she and Arthur had envisioned. Mother Sweeney was and will always be all that a virtuous woman should be, and truly sets the standard for all to follow.

With great honor and thanks, I'm humbled to acknowledge the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy M. "Mother Sweeney" of York, Pennsylvania. I wish her Godspeed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE VA MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESEARCH ACT

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 30, 2021*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I have met with multiple veterans in my congressional district who attest to the therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis in managing their pain.

According to the American Legion, a significant number of veterans across the country—not just in my district—are currently using medical cannabis as an alternative treatment. With so many veterans using cannabis for therapeutic purposes, it is important that physicians have the information and research necessary to fully advise on the potential impacts of medical cannabis usage on post-traumatic stress and chronic pain. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is uniquely positioned to pursue that vital research.

To that end, I am introducing the bipartisan VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act, which requires VA to conduct clinical research on the safety and effectiveness of medical cannabis, in varying forms and delivery methods, for treating veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and veterans with chronic pain. The legislation requires VA to submit annual reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill for five years. The VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act is a pragmatic and sensible approach to the need for additional research and could potentially save veterans' lives.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 30, 2021*

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 114, 115, and 116. I would like to indicate how I would have voted on each had I been present.

Roll Call 114: "Aye"; Roll Call 115: "Aye"; and Roll Call 116: "Aye".